

**OASIS Transmission Guidance
for
Newly Licensed Home Health Agencies Applying for Medicare Certification**

The following system minimum requirements must be met for transmission of OASIS data to the State OASIS System:

Requirement for a Windows 95 environment:	Requirements for a Windows 98 environment:	Requirements for a Windows NT environment:
Pentium system (minimum)	Pentium system (minimum)	Pentium system (minimum)
16 megs of Ram (minimum)	32 megs of Ram (recommended)	32 megs of Ram (minimum)
Netscape Nav 4.08 128bit Strong Encrypt (CMS recommended web browser.)	Netscape Nav 4.08 128bit Strong Encrypt (CMS recommended web browser.)	Netscape Nav 4.08 128bit Strong Encrypt (CMS recommended web browser.)

1. Home health agencies may use HAVEN or other vendor software that conforms to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) OASIS data specifications for encoding OASIS assessment information. Information about HAVEN can be obtained from the following web site:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/havensof.asp>
2. Home health agencies must install the AT&T Global Network Dialer software on the computer that will be used for the transmission of OASIS records. This software is used to connect to the Medicare Data Communications Network (MDCN) for purposes of accessing the State OASIS System for transmission of OASIS files. Providers may download the dialer software from the following web site: <http://www.qtso.com>

Contact Chris Benesh, OASIS Automation Coordinator for Wisconsin, at (608) 266-1718 for user IDs and passwords to use for test transmissions prior to being approved as a federally certified provider. A minimum of 10 test OASIS records must be submitted by the home health agency and accepted by the State OASIS System, prior to their certification survey. OASIS test files must be created as "Test" and not as "Production". (The TEST_SW field in the Header record must contain a 0 value signifying test and not a 1 for production.) Home health agencies should print Initial Feedback Reports and Final Validation Reports as evidence that they were able to submit OASIS records successfully.

3. After CMS approves Medicare certification and issues a federal provider number, the home health agency must complete the MDCN Questionnaire/Registration Form and forward this information to the MDCN Help Line. This form may be completed online at the following web site:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mdcn/default.asp>

MDCN will contact the agency and provide their agency's user ID and password. The home health agency must update the AT&T Global Network Dialer with this information and remove the user ID and password that were used for testing purposes. The home health agency may then submit production OASIS assessment records to the State OASIS System.